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## for cbs / office of former president trump

3 messages

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**Portnoy, Steven** <(b) (6)>  
To: "press@gsa.gov" <press@gsa.gov>

Tue, Aug 16, 2022 at 10:01 AM

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My number is (b) (6) .

Thank you !

--Steven

**Steven Portnoy**

CBS News Radio

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@stevenportnoy

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**Christina Wilkes - ZMM** <christina.wilkes@gsa.gov>  
To: "Portnoy, Steven" <(b) (6)>  
Bcc: press@gsa.gov

Tue, Aug 16, 2022 at 3:38 PM

Hi Steven -- In order to obtain this information, you must file a FOIA request. For last year's report, [here's a link](#).



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**Christina Wilkes**  
She/Her  
Press Secretary

On Tue, Aug 16, 2022 at 3:11 PM Portnoy, Steven <(b) (6)> wrote:

Hi Christina...

Following up on this. Are you able to help?

Thanks.

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**From:** Portnoy, Steven

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 16, 2022 10:01 AM

**To:** '[press@gsa.gov](mailto:press@gsa.gov)' <[press@gsa.gov](mailto:press@gsa.gov)>

**Subject:** for cbs / office of former president trump

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**Christina Wilkes** <[christina.wilkes@gsa.gov](mailto:christina.wilkes@gsa.gov)>

To: "Portnoy, Steven" <(b) (6)>

Bcc: [press@gsa.gov](mailto:press@gsa.gov)

Wed, Aug 17, 2022 at 2:36 PM

Hi Steven -- Please see below:

On background:

Questions about the procedures governing the appropriate movement of classified materials would likely be better directed to NARA.

On the record statement:

As part of the services and support GSA provides to all outgoing presidents, GSA typically contracts for the transportation of items identified by the outgoing President as necessary to wind down the affairs of their office. The responsibility for making decisions about what materials are moved rests entirely with the outgoing president and their supporting staff.



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[christina.wilkes@gsa.gov](mailto:christina.wilkes@gsa.gov)

On Wed, Aug 17, 2022 at 10:02 AM Portnoy, Steven <(b) (6)> wrote:

Thanks again, Christina.

We do have some general questions about GSA's involvement in the moving of material from the WH to Mar-a-Lago. Is that something we can ask you about on background?

My cell is (b) (6). Thanks.

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**From:** Christina Wilkes - ZMM <[christina.wilkes@gsa.gov](mailto:christina.wilkes@gsa.gov)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 16, 2022 3:38 PM

**To:** Portnoy, Steven <(b) (6)>

**Subject:** Re: Fw: for cbs / office of former president trump

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Google Docs <comments-noreply@docs.google.com>

Fri, Aug 12, :

Reply-To: Reply

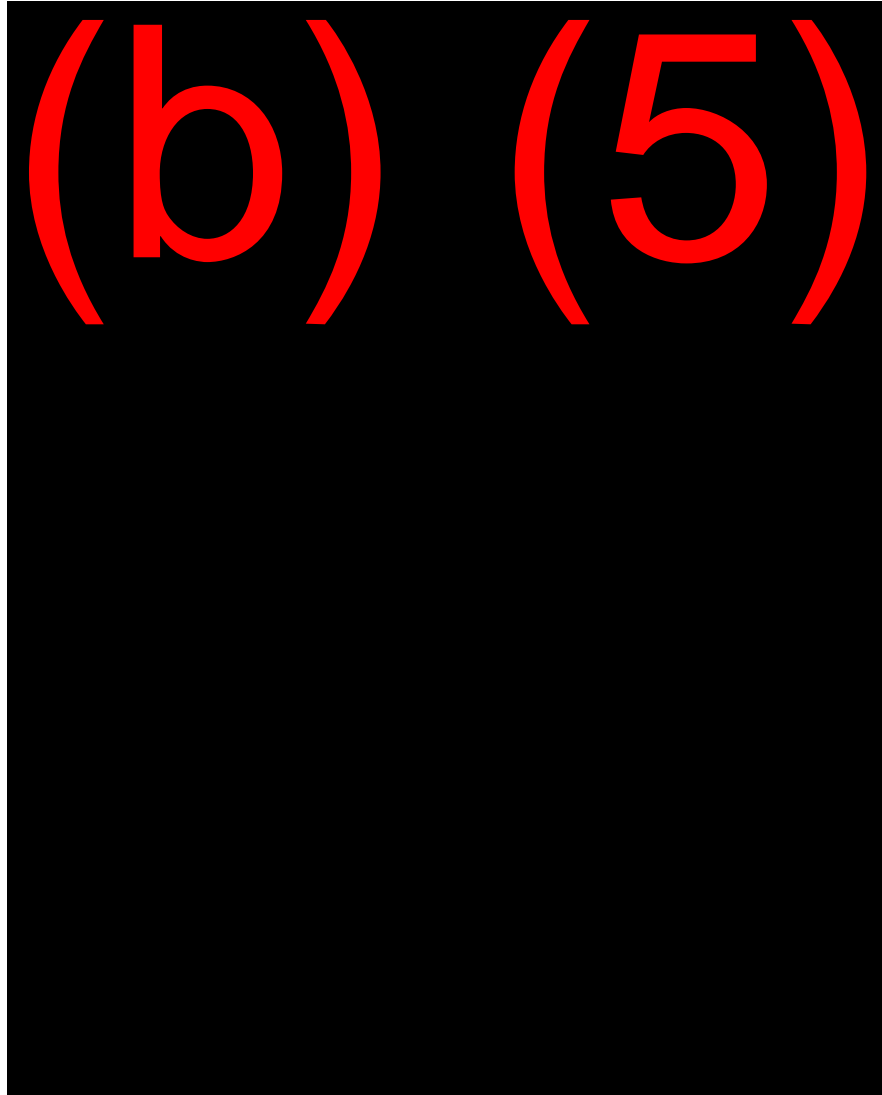
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Brett Prather and Dan Hall - LG replied to a comment in the following document

Fox - GSA Statement Request -

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## FOX - statement request

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'Meredith, Mark' via Press <press@gsa.gov>

Fri, Aug 12, 2022 at 3:17 PM

Reply-To: "Meredith, Mark" <(b) (6)>

To: "press@gsa.gov" <press@gsa.gov>

Good Afternoon,

Its Mark Meredith from FOX News.

Today there have been a few folks, in the Trump circle, pointing fingers at GSA – claiming it was GSA which moved the documents down to Mar-A-Lago

Kash Patel, who was acting Chief of Staff at DOD, who served in the Trump admin – is claiming GSA was the one who moved them down?

Is there anything GSA can add here or clarify on this process?

Thanks in advance,

Mark

Mark Meredith

Correspondent, FOX News

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**Christina Wilkes - ZMM** <[christina.wilkes@gsa.gov](mailto:christina.wilkes@gsa.gov)>

Fri, Aug 12, 2022 at 6:49 PM

To: "Meredith, Mark" <(b) (6)>

Cc: "press@gsa.gov" <[press@gsa.gov](mailto:press@gsa.gov)>

Hi Mark -- -- Please see the following statement as a response:

Attributed to a GSA Spokesperson:

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## FW: Help?

3 messages

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**Mosk, Matthew** <(b) (6)>

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 10:27 AM

To: "press@gsa.gov" <press@gsa.gov>, "channing.grate@gsa.gov" <channing.grate@gsa.gov>

Hello –

Please see emails below. Christina appears to be off and this question is time sensitive. Would someone be able to help identify documents that were used in the process of moving President Trump out of the White House – documents that instruct GSA and/or movers hired by GSA where items should be shipped? Or documents that GSA and/or movers hired by GSA which denote which items are sent where?

I would like to formulate a request for public records, but want to make sure I am seeking the *right* records. Any help you can offer in identifying the forms used to document a White House move at the end of a presidential term would enable me to do that.

Many thanks –

Matthew

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**From:** Christina Wilkes - ZMM <[christina.wilkes@gsa.gov](mailto:christina.wilkes@gsa.gov)>

**Sent:** Thursday, August 18, 2022 4:52 PM

**To:** Mosk, Matthew <(b) (6)>

**Subject:** Re: Help?

<External Email>

Hi there! Working on this and will be back in touch shortly.



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On Thu, Aug 18, 2022 at 9:19 AM Mosk, Matthew <(b) (6)> wrote:

Hi Christina –

I'm a reporter with CBS News. We are trying to better understand how contract movers brought in to help the outgoing president receive instructions on what to move and where it should go.

Are there specific documents submitted by the WH to GSA or directly to the contract movers that itemize what should go where? Would you have a moment for a call on this question today?

Thanks so much –

Matthew

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Matthew Mosk

Senior Investigative Editorial Director

CBS News

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**Christina Wilkes - ZMM** <christina.wilkes@gsa.gov>

Sat, Aug 20, 2022 at 5:22 PM

To: "Mosk, Matthew" <(b) (6)>

Cc: "press@gsa.gov" <press@gsa.gov>, "channing.grate@gsa.gov" <channing.grate@gsa.gov>

Hi Matthew -- Apologies for the delay.

**Statement Attributed to a GSA Spokesperson:**

GSA entered into a support contract in this particular instance for shipping of the pallets from Virginia to Florida—not for the packing of the boxes. Consistent with the typical division of responsibilities between GSA and outgoing Presidents, members of the outgoing Presidential transition team and their volunteers were responsible for packing items from the outgoing transition space into boxes. And, in this particular instance, the outgoing transition team was responsible for putting the boxes on pallets and shrink-wrapping each pallet.

Prior to shipping, GSA required the outgoing transition team to certify in writing that the items being shipped were required to wind down the Office of the Former President and would be utilized as the Office transitioned to its new location in Florida. GSA did not examine the contents of the boxes and, accordingly, had no knowledge of the contents

prior to shipping. This is consistent with the typical support that GSA provides former Presidents pursuant to the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 and the Former Presidents Act.

**Off the record:**

We are in the process of collecting documents relating to this move, which will be available in GSA's Electronic Reading Room shortly.



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**Mosk, Matthew** <(b) (5)>

Sat, Aug 20, 2022 at 5:33 PM

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Thanks so much Christina—

Let's stay in touch as information becomes available.

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**From:** Christina Wilkes - ZMM <[christina.wilkes@gsa.gov](mailto:christina.wilkes@gsa.gov)>

**Sent:** Saturday, August 20, 2022 5:22:41 PM

**To:** Mosk, Matthew <(b) (6)>

**Cc:** [press@gsa.gov](mailto:press@gsa.gov) <[press@gsa.gov](mailto:press@gsa.gov)>; [channing.grate@gsa.gov](mailto:channing.grate@gsa.gov) <[channing.grate@gsa.gov](mailto:channing.grate@gsa.gov)>

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## Mara-Lago Trump AG Raid - GSA: Like It Never Even Happened = AGRoast

1 message

Ryan Tolani <(b) (6)>

To: (b) (6)



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you make it like it never even happened? happen? was not by the FBI/DOJ who even admitted that they screwed this whole moving-thing up admitted by damn American Psycho GSA admitted a moving mistake Italian Mafia guy in Last Action Hero BUT YOU JUST GO AND JUST SCREW IT UP.

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Mon, Aug 15, 2022 at 5:03 PM

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### Staffed Events:

- Laura Stanton FNN ACT-IAC Radio Episode

### Closed Media:

- GSA and White House Process Upon Transitions (Wall Street Journal)
- GSA Statement on Claims of GSA Moving Documents (FOX News)
- GSA Moving Classified Material (Bloomberg)
- GSA Moving Classified Material (CNN)

### Open Media:

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CO	8/9/2022	Stewart Huntington	Industry/Trade	Government Connections	Per Diem Questions	Media Inquiry	8/26	open		Kiana
CO	8/10/2022	Molly Weisner	Industry/Trade	Indian Country Today	Land Reversion	Media Inquiry	TBD	open		Kiana
CO	8/11/2022	Philip Caldwell	Industry/Trade	Federal Times	Interview request for Melissa Gary on the history and progress of the AbilityOne program	Interview	8/16/2022 3:00 PM	open		Anne
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## Media-- 8/16

2 messages

**Anne Stanley - ZMM** <anne.stanley@gsa.gov>

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- GSA Moving Classified Documents Inquiry (ABC News)
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CO	8/11/2022	Philip Caldwell	Industry/Trade	Federal Times	Interview request for Milisa Gary on AbilityOne program	Interview	8/17 10:30 AM	open		Anne
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To: Andrea O'Neal - A <andrea.m.oneal@gsa.gov>, Angela Lesnak - L <angela.lesnak@gsa.gov>, Brett Prather <brett.prather@gsa.gov>, Gianelle Rivera - S <gianelle.rivera@gsa.gov>, Katy Kale <katy.kale@gsa.gov>, LeJamiel Goodall <lee.goodall@gsa.gov>, Raylene Yung - ADA <raylene.yung@gsa.gov>, Waldo Jaquith - A <waldo.jaquith@gsa.gov>, Zoe Garmendia <zoe.garmendia@gsa.gov>

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CO	8/5/2022	Lindsay Cabbage	Non-Media	Maryland Institute College of Art	Written interview with USDC fellow Michelle Polyak	Blog	TBD	open		Autumn
CO	8/9/2022	Amy Carr	Industry/Trade	Federal News Network	Question on Closed Facilities List	Media Inquiry	TBD	open		Christina
CO	8/9/2022	Stewart Huntington	Industry/Trade	Government Connections	Per Diem Questions	Media Inquiry	TBD	open		Kiana
CO	8/10/2022	Molly Weisner	Industry/Trade	Indian Country Today	Land Reversion	Media Inquiry		open		Kiana
CO	8/11/2022	Philip Caldwell	Acquisition/Business	Federal Times	Interview request for Milisa Gary on AbilityOne program	Interview	8/17 10:30 AM	open		Anne
CO	8/15/2022	Andy Picon	Industry/Trade	Washington Free Beacon	Question on a GSA contract	Media Inquiry	8/17	open		Matt
CO	8/15/2022	James Areddy	Industry/Trade	E&E	Fleet Question			open		Christina
CO	8/15/2022	Pat Phillips	Industry/Trade	Wall Street Journal	Helium Reserve	Media Inquiry	TBD	open		Christina
CO	8/15/2022	John Hewitt	Industry/Trade	FCW Gov EXEC	FEDRamp Summit - Brian Conrad	Event	8/24	open		Kiana
	8/16/2022		Industry/Trade	FedScoop	Dave Z departure	Media Inquiry	ASAP	open		



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**Re: ABC News inquiry/classified documents**

1 message

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**Christina Wilkes - ZMM** <christina.wilkes@gsa.gov>

Tue, Aug 16, 2022 at 11:01 AM

To: "Kolinovsky, Sarah E." <(b) (6)>

Cc: Press <press@gsa.gov>

Hi Sarah — please see below!

On background:

Questions about the procedures governing the appropriate movement of classified materials would likely be better directed to NARA.

On the record statement:

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On Aug 16, 2022, at 9:25 AM, Kolinovsky, Sarah E. <(b) (6)> wrote:

Hi Christina! Wow so sorry, please ignore the email I sent just now -- I somehow did not see your response yesterday.

I do have a 4pm deadline today.

Thank you!

**Sarah Kolinovsky**

ABC News

Pennsylvania Avenue Producer/Reporter

(b) (6)

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**From:** Christina Wilkes - ZMM <christina.wilkes@gsa.gov>

**Sent:** Monday, August 15, 2022 3:14 PM

**To:** Kolinovsky, Sarah E. <(b) (6)>

**Cc:** [press@gsa.gov](mailto:press@gsa.gov) <press@gsa.gov>

**Subject:** Re: ABC News inquiry/classified documents

Hi Sarah -- Working on this. Are you on deadline?



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**Christina Wilkes**  
She/Her  
Press Secretary  
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[christina.wilkes@gsa.gov](mailto:christina.wilkes@gsa.gov)

On Mon, Aug 15, 2022 at 12:28 PM Kolinovsky, Sarah E. <(b) (6)> wrote:  
(apologies, bumped send too soon on my first email!)  
Hello all,

I'm a reporter with ABC News and I'm trying to figure out what procedure, if any, exists to govern the movement of classified material -- specifically TS/SCI documents -- from one facility to another.

Is there any circumstance in which GSA would pack boxes with TS/SCI material for transport? Would this be done at the direction of the president, or are there additional layers of approval that must be obtained for such a movement?

In the case of classified material that is provided to a former president's library, for example, is there any official procedure that is followed? Or is this handled more on a case by case basis?

If it's easier to discuss by phone, please feel free to call at any time. Thank you!

**Sarah Kolinovsky**  
ABC News  
Pennsylvania Avenue Producer/Reporter  
(b) (6)

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**From:** Kolinovsky, Sarah E.  
**Sent:** Monday, August 15, 2022 12:26 PM  
**To:** [press@gsa.gov](mailto:press@gsa.gov) <[press@gsa.gov](mailto:press@gsa.gov)>  
**Subject:** ABC News inquiry/classified documents

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## Re: Cnn comment?

6 messages

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**Christina Wilkes - ZMM** <christina.wilkes@gsa.gov>

Fri, Aug 12, 2022 at 6:48 PM

To: "Holmes, Kristen" <(b) (6)>

Cc: Press <press@gsa.gov>

Hi Kristen -- Please see the following statement as a response:

Attributed to a GSA Spokesperson:

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Kristen

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**'Holmes, Kristen' via Press** <press@gsa.gov>

Fri, Aug 12, 2022 at 6:50 PM

Reply-To: "Holmes, Kristen" <(b) (6)>

To: Christina Wilkes - ZMM <christina.wilkes@gsa.gov>

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Thank you!

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**'Holmes, Kristen' via Press** <press@gsa.gov>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 4:12 PM

Reply-To: "Holmes, Kristen" <(b) (6)>

To: Christina Wilkes - ZMM <christina.wilkes@gsa.gov>

Cc: Press <press@gsa.gov>

Hi there—do you have time for a quick call today after 5:30 or tomorrow any time?

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**Sent:** Friday, August 12, 2022 6:48 PM

**To:** Holmes, Kristen <(b) (6)>

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To: "Holmes, Kristen" <(b) (6)>

Cc: Press <[press@gsa.gov](mailto:press@gsa.gov)>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 9:29 PM

Hey! Can talk tomorrow. When works for you?

On Aug 22, 2022, at 4:12 PM, Holmes, Kristen <(b) (6)> wrote:

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Reply-To: "Holmes, Kristen" <(b) (6)>  
To: Christina Wilkes - ZMM <christina.wilkes@gsa.gov>  
Cc: Press <press@gsa.gov>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 9:54 PM

Great! How's 11? Or any time after. I'm at (b) (6)

On Aug 22, 2022, at 9:29 PM, Christina Wilkes - ZMM <christina.wilkes@gsa.gov> wrote:

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**Christina Wilkes - ZMM** <christina.wilkes@gsa.gov>  
To: "Holmes, Kristen" <(b) (6)>  
Bcc: press@gsa.gov

Tue, Aug 30, 2022 at 1:11 PM

Hi Kristen -- Please see below for a statement:

Attributed to a GSA Spokesperson:

GSA supports the former President by providing dedicated space for use by the former President's team, and contracting for logistical support that the team might need. During the 2021 outgoing transition period, the former President's team utilized leased space in Arlington, VA, for the purposes of winding down the affairs of the former President.

GSA was not responsible for moving the former President's items (including those that may have been contained in the boxes at issue) to the leased space in Virginia. And GSA does not know the specific number of boxes that left the leased space in Virginia because the former President's team was responsible for packing items, putting the boxes on pallets, and shrink-wrapping each pallet.

Two pallets were picked up by a contractor on September 9, 2021, from the leased space in Virginia and were delivered to Mar-a-Lago on September 20, 2021. Four Pallets were picked up by a contractor on September 15, 2021, from the leased space in Virginia and were delivered to a storage facility in Florida on September 23, 2021.



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[christina.wilkes@gsa.gov](mailto:christina.wilkes@gsa.gov)

On Thu, Aug 25, 2022 at 3:54 PM Holmes, Kristen <(b) (6)> wrote:

This is great. Thank you!

Couple of follow ups:

-how did the boxes get to Virginia?

-how many boxes was it?

-can you say who on the presidential team was in contact with GSA?

-do you have dates of pick up and drop off?

Thank you so so much!

Kristen

On Aug 25, 2022, at 3:44 PM, Christina Wilkes - ZMM <[christina.wilkes@gsa.gov](mailto:christina.wilkes@gsa.gov)> wrote:

**Statement**

**Attributed to a GSA Spokesperson:**

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Prior to shipping, GSA required the outgoing transition team to certify in writing that the items being shipped were required to wind down the Office of the Former President and would be utilized as the Office transitioned to its new location in Florida.

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## Reaching Out from GSA

3 messages

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**Christina Wilkes - ZMM** <christina.wilkes@gsa.gov>

Tue, Aug 16, 2022 at 3:56 PM

To: public.affairs@nara.gov

Cc: Channing Grate - ZM <channing.grate@gsa.gov>

Hi NARA Press Team -- My name is Christina Wilkes and I'm the GSA Press Secretary. I wanted to reach out because we've been getting a lot of inquiries related to classified documents following the raid of the former President's home in Florida.

Since GSA just handles the actual physical moving and coordination, we've been sending them to NARA for more information on the storing/retention of classified information.

Just wanted to put this on your radar and please reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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**Christina Wilkes**

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Press Secretary

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[christina.wilkes@gsa.gov](mailto:christina.wilkes@gsa.gov)

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**John Valceanu** <john.valceanu@nara.gov>

Tue, Aug 16, 2022 at 4:22 PM

To: christina.wilkes@gsa.gov

Cc: Channing Grate - ZM <channing.grate@gsa.gov>, Robin Waldman <robin.waldman@nara.gov>

Thanks for reaching out, Christina. We appreciate the heads up. I'm copying Robin Waldman on this message -- she is our Director of Public and Media Communications and leads our media relations efforts.

You can reach out to me and Robin directly, if you ever need to, but that [public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov) is always the most efficient way to reach us.

Thanks again for thinking of us, and please let us know if you need anything from us.

Sincerely,  
John

P.S. I worked with the web team in OSC at GSA for a couple of years about a decade ago.

John Valceanu  
Director, Communications and Marketing  
U.S. National Archives and Records Administration  
office: 202-357-5238  
cell: (b) (6)  
[john.valceanu@nara.gov](mailto:john.valceanu@nara.gov)



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**Robin Waldman** <robin.waldman@nara.gov>

Tue, Aug 16, 2022 at 4:20 PM

To: John Valceanu <john.valceanu@nara.gov>, Public Affairs <public.affairs@nara.gov>

Cc: christina.wilkes@gsa.gov, Channing Grate - ZM <channing.grate@gsa.gov>

I was just about to respond! Thanks so much for the note, Christina. Please continue to send those queries our way. We will address them as appropriate. I appreciate the heads up.

**Robin Z. Waldman**

(pronouns: she/her/hers)

Director, Public and Media Communications

301.837.0605 (office)

(b) (6) (mobile)



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## Response

2 messages

**Mark Niquette (BLOOMBERG/COLUMBUS/O)** <(b) (6)>  
Reply-To: Mark Niquette <(b) (6)>  
To: PRESS@gsa.gov

Mon, Aug 15, 2022 at 3:28 PM

Hello,

I'm Mark Niquette, a reporter for Bloomberg News. I'm following up on comments that Kash Patel, a former National Security Council member under Donald Trump, made saying GSA is responsible for classified material being sent to Mar-a-Lago without Trump's knowledge before the FBI executed a search warrant there and seized records. Patel said on Fox News on Aug. 12 that the GSA "mistakenly packed some boxes and moved them" to Mar-a-Lago. Is that accurate?

I'm at this email and (b) (6), and thanks.

Sincerely,  
Mark Niquette

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Mark Niquette  
Bloomberg News reporter

Office phone: (b) (6)  
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## Transition logistics

5 messages

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'Colvin, Jill' via Press <press@gsa.gov>

Thu, Aug 25, 2022 at 2:22 PM

Reply-To: "Colvin, Jill" <(b) (6)>

To: "press@gsa.gov" <press@gsa.gov>, Pamela Pennington - ZM <pamela.pennington@gsa.gov>

Good afternoon,

As we continue to report on the classified material that ended up at Mar-a-Lago, I was hoping to be able to speak with someone there to discuss exactly how transition packing and moving works and exactly what GSA's role is.

Does GSA physically pack up material or is that done by White House staff? When does GSA take possession of the material? Are the former president's personal loaded onto a truck? Moved by plane? Who is responsible for overseeing that process? And would anyone involved in that process be permitted to transport classified information?

I'm at (b) (6)

Thanks very much,

Jill

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Jill Colvin

National Political Reporter

The Associated Press

Cell: (b) (6)

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**Christina Wilkes - ZMM** <christina.wilkes@gsa.gov>

Thu, Aug 25, 2022 at 4:49 PM

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To: Christina Wilkes - ZMM <christina.wilkes@gsa.gov>

Cc: "press@gsa.gov" <press@gsa.gov>

Thanks so much, Christina.

- Which company did GSA contract with for the shipping?
- Did they go by land or air?
- And who was responsible for getting the items from DC to Virginia?
- You mentioned the transition team had to certify "in writing that the items being shipped were required to wind down the Office of the Former President and would be utilized as the Office transitioned to its new location in Florida." Was it the same for the former president (and family's) personal belongings that would have been moved from the residence?
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Thanks again,

Jill

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 25, 2022 4:50 PM  
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Thu, Aug 25, 2022 at 6:09 PM

To: "Colvin, Jill" <(b) (6)>

Cc: [press@gsa.gov](mailto:press@gsa.gov)

Hi Jill - I'll look into this and get back to you. Are you on a deadline?

On Aug 25, 2022, at 5:00 PM, Colvin, Jill <(b) (6)> wrote:

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Hi Jill -- Please see below for a response.

### **Statement Attributed to a GSA Spokesperson:**

GSA entered into a support contract in this particular instance for shipping of the pallets from Virginia to Florida—not for the packing of the boxes. Consistent with the typical division of responsibilities between GSA and outgoing Presidents, members of the outgoing Presidential transition team and their volunteers were responsible for packing items from the outgoing transition space into boxes. And, in this particular instance, the outgoing transition team was responsible for putting the boxes on pallets and shrink-wrapping each pallet.

Prior to shipping, GSA required the outgoing transition team to certify in writing that the items being shipped were required to wind down the Office of the Former President and would be utilized as the Office transitioned to its new location in Florida.

GSA did not examine the contents of the boxes and, accordingly, had no knowledge of the contents prior to shipping. This is consistent with the typical support that GSA provides former Presidents pursuant to the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 and the Former Presidents Act.



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**Christina Wilkes - ZMM** <[christina.wilkes@gsa.gov](mailto:christina.wilkes@gsa.gov)>

Tue, Aug 30, 2022 at 12:58 PM

To: "Colvin, Jill" <(b) (6)>

Bcc: [press@gsa.gov](mailto:press@gsa.gov)

Hi Jill -- please see below.

**Attributed to a GSA Spokesperson:**

- GSA contracted for freight LTL (less-than-truckload) shipping of the pallets from Virginia to Florida. Therefore, GSA was not responsible in this particular instance for moving the former President's items (including those that may have been contained in the boxes at issue) into the leased space in Virginia. Under the Presidential Transition Act, winding up the affairs of the office of the former President typically does not include the transport of personal belongings.



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On Mon, Aug 29, 2022 at 11:12 AM Colvin, Jill <(b) (6)> wrote:

Hi Christina,

Just wanted to circle back on this.

Thanks much,

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## Wall Street Journal inquiry

8 messages

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Restuccia, Andrew (b) (6)

To: Press <press@gsa.gov>

Fri, Aug 12, 2022 at 10:54 AM

Good morning.

We're hoping to get some information about what information the GSA provides to outgoing White Houses as they depart. Does the GSA provide any memos about the transition process or how class 5 materials should be handled?

Thanks!

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Andrew Restuccia  
WHITE HOUSE REPORTER, WASHINGTON BUREAU

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

M: (b) (6)  
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Kiana Jones - ZMM <kiana.jones@gsa.gov>

To: "Restuccia, Andrew" <(b) (6)>

Cc: Press <press@gsa.gov>

Fri, Aug 12, 2022 at 1:26 PM

Hello,

We are looking into this and will get back to you as soon as possible. Are you on a deadline?

Thanks,



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Kiana Jones  
Communications Specialist  
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**Restuccia, Andrew** (b) (6)  
To: Kiana Jones - ZMM <kiana.jones@gsa.gov>  
Cc: Alex Leary (b) (6), Press <press@gsa.gov>

Fri, Aug 12, 2022 at 1:27 PM

Thanks so much — yes, we're hoping to get info on this as soon as possible. Adding my colleague Alex as well.

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**Christina Wilkes - ZMM** <christina.wilkes@gsa.gov>  
To: "Restuccia, Andrew" (b) (6)  
Cc: Kiana Jones - ZMM <kiana.jones@gsa.gov>, Alex Leary (b) (6), Press <press@gsa.gov>

Fri, Aug 12, 2022 at 5:33 PM

Hi there -- For outgoing Presidents, GSA handles space needs and provides some administrative services, but issues like records retention are handled by NARA.

I hope this helps.



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Cc: Alex Leary (b) (6), Kiana Jones - ZMM <kiana.jones@gsa.gov>, Press <press@gsa.gov>

Fri, Aug 12, 2022 at 5:36 PM

Thanks. Is GSA involved in the actual process of moving things out of the wh?

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**Restuccia, Andrew** (b) (6)  
To: Christina Wilkes - ZMM <christina.wilkes@gsa.gov>  
Cc: Alex Leary (b) (6), Kiana Jones - ZMM <kiana.jones@gsa.gov>, Press <press@gsa.gov>

Fri, Aug 12, 2022 at 6:26 PM

And can the GSA weigh in on whether this is true?

Lash Patel said the following:

"Now the GSA, it's since come out, the Government Services Administration, said they mistakenly packed some boxes and moved them to Mar-a-Lago. That's not on the president, that's on the National Archives to sort that material out. They cannot prosecute him for intentionally, even if it was classified, which is highly unlikely ... they'll never never meet the burden of intent because the president didn't pack it up and take it himself. The GSA has said they did it and they made a mistake. And that should have been really the end of it. It should have been a cordial subpoena. We're at most, where they said, Okay, we just need this and we'll get the rest back to you."

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**Christina Wilkes - ZMM** <christina.wilkes@gsa.gov>

Fri, Aug 12, 2022 at 6:51 PM

To: "Restuccia, Andrew" <(b) (6)>

Cc: Alex Leary <(b) (6)>, Kiana Jones - ZMM <kiana.jones@gsa.gov>, Press <press@gsa.gov>

Please see the following statement as a response:

Attributed to a GSA Spokesperson:

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**Restuccia, Andrew** <(b) (6)>

Fri, Aug 12, 2022 at 6:55 PM

To: Christina Wilkes - ZMM <christina.wilkes@gsa.gov>

Cc: Alex Leary <(b) (6)>, Kiana Jones - ZMM <kiana.jones@gsa.gov>, Press <press@gsa.gov>

Thanks. Can we attribute it to you by name? We typically don't attribute statements to anonymous spokespeople

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## ABC News inquiry/classified documents

6 messages

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**Kolinovsky, Sarah E.** <(b) (6)>  
To: "press@gsa.gov" <press@gsa.gov>

Mon, Aug 15, 2022 at 12:26 PM

Hello all,

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**Sarah Kolinovsky**

ABC News

Pennsylvania Avenue Producer/Reporter

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**Kolinovsky, Sarah E.** <(b) (6)>  
To: "press@gsa.gov" <press@gsa.gov>

Mon, Aug 15, 2022 at 12:28 PM

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In the case of classified material that is provided to a former president's library, for example, is there any official procedure that is followed? Or is this handled more on a case by case basis?

If it's easier to discuss by phone, please feel free to call at any time. Thank you!

**Sarah Kolinovsky**

ABC News

Pennsylvania Avenue Producer/Reporter

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**Sent:** Monday, August 15, 2022 12:26 PM

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**Christina Wilkes - ZMM** <[christina.wilkes@gsa.gov](mailto:christina.wilkes@gsa.gov)>

Mon, Aug 15, 2022 at 3:14 PM

To: "Kolinovsky, Sarah E." (b) (6)

Cc: "press@gsa.gov" <[press@gsa.gov](mailto:press@gsa.gov)>

Hi Sarah -- Working on this. Are you on deadline?



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**Kolinovsky, Sarah E.** <(b) (6)>

Tue, Aug 16, 2022 at 9:24 AM

To: "press@gsa.gov" <[press@gsa.gov](mailto:press@gsa.gov)>

Hi all, checking in on this request. Would someone be available to discuss today? Thanks!

**Sarah Kolinovsky**

ABC News

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**From:** Kolinovsky, Sarah E. <(b) (6)>

**Sent:** Monday, August 15, 2022 12:28 PM

**To:** [press@gsa.gov](mailto:press@gsa.gov) <[press@gsa.gov](mailto:press@gsa.gov)>

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**Kolinovsky, Sarah E.** <(b) (6)>

To: Christina Wilkes - ZMM <[christina.wilkes@gsa.gov](mailto:christina.wilkes@gsa.gov)>

Tue, Aug 16, 2022 at 9:25 AM

Hi Christina! Wow so sorry, please ignore the email I sent just now -- I somehow did not see your response yesterday.

I do have a 4pm deadline today.

Thank you!

**Sarah Kolinovsky**

ABC News

Pennsylvania Avenue Producer/Reporter

(b) (6)

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**From:** Christina Wilkes - ZMM <[christina.wilkes@gsa.gov](mailto:christina.wilkes@gsa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 15, 2022 3:14 PM  
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**Subject:** Re: ABC News inquiry/classified documents

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To: "Kolinovsky, Sarah E." <(b) (6)>  
Cc: Press <[press@gsa.gov](mailto:press@gsa.gov)>

Tue, Aug 16, 2022 at 11:01 AM

Hi Sarah — please see below!

On background:

Questions about the procedures governing the appropriate movement of classified materials would likely be better directed to NARA.

On the record statement:

As part of the services and support GSA provides to all outgoing presidents, GSA typically contracts for the transportation of items identified by the outgoing President as necessary to wind down the affairs of their office. The responsibility for making decisions about what materials are moved rests entirely with the outgoing president and their supporting staff.

On Aug 16, 2022, at 9:25 AM, Kolinovsky, Sarah E. <(b) (6)> wrote:

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## GSA Statement

2 messages

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**Christina Wilkes - ZMM** <christina.wilkes@gsa.gov>

Fri, Aug 12, 2022 at 9:46 PM

To: (b) (6)

Hi Kelly -- Please see below from a GSA statement:

Attributed to a GSA Spokesperson:

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**O'Donnell, Kelly (NBCUniversal)** <(b) (6)>

Fri, Aug 12, 2022 at 10:03 PM

To: Christina Wilkes - ZMM <christina.wilkes@gsa.gov>

Thank you!!

Kelly O'Donnell

Senior White House Correspondent

NBC News

(b) (6) (mobile)

@KellyO

On Aug 12, 2022, at 9:46 PM, Christina Wilkes - ZMM <[christina.wilkes@gsa.gov](mailto:christina.wilkes@gsa.gov)> wrote:

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## CNN News Tonight (08/12)

4 messages

**Michael Gelber - 2P** <michael.gelber@gsa.gov>

Fri, Aug 12, 2022 at 10:54 PM


To: Channing Grate - Z <channing.grate@gsa.gov>


Cc: Nina Albert - P <nina.albert@gsa.gov>, Allison Azevedo <allison.azevedo@gsa.gov>, David Frye - PB <david.frye@gsa.gov>, Maggie Dugan - PB <maggie.dugan@gsa.gov>, Gianelle Rivera - S <gianelle.rivera@gsa.gov>, Kusai Merchant - S <kusai.merchant@gsa.gov>, Andrew Blaylock - S <andrew.blaylock@gsa.gov>

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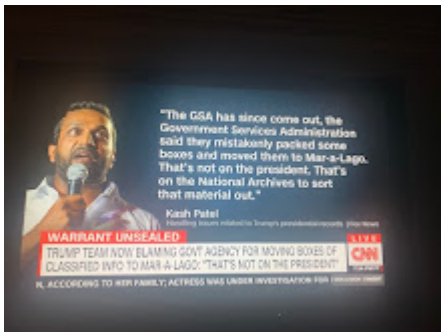
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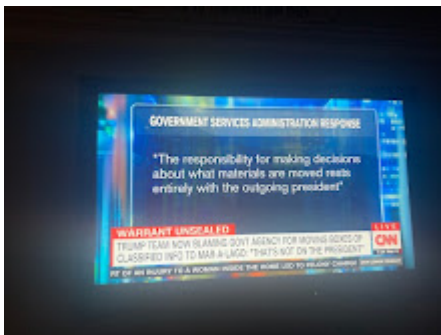
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**Gianelle Rivera - S** <gianelle.rivera@gsa.gov>

Sat, Aug 13, 2022 at 12:11 AM

To: Michael Gelber - 2P <michael.gelber@gsa.gov>

Yes, thanks, Gelber.

Also, hope you saw that the reconciliation bill passed earlier this evening. All that hard work putting facts and figures together, long nights talking to (b) (5), and others was all worth it. Today wouldn't be possible without all the work YOU did. I hope you know how much I appreciate your service and partnership. Now the real work begins with putting this \$ to work!

Have a good weekend.

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**Michael Gelber - 2P** <michael.gelber@gsa.gov>  
To: Gianelle Rivera - S <gianelle.rivera@gsa.gov>

Sat, Aug 13, 2022 at 7:12 AM

Thank you.

I did see the news.

A great team effort.

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**Michael Gelber - 2P** <michael.gelber@gsa.gov>  
To: Channing Grate - Z <channing.grate@gsa.gov>

Sun, Aug 14, 2022 at 5:22 PM

Cc: Nina Albert - P <nina.albert@gsa.gov>, Allison Azevedo <allison.azevedo@gsa.gov>, David Frye - PB <david.frye@gsa.gov>, Maggie Dugan - PB <maggie.dugan@gsa.gov>, Gianelle Rivera - S <gianelle.rivera@gsa.gov>, Kusai Merchant - S <kusai.merchant@gsa.gov>, Andrew Blaylock - S <andrew.blaylock@gsa.gov>

Link to the story: [www.cnn.com/2022/08/12/politics/search-warrant-receipt-trump-fbi-maralago-key-lines/index.html](https://www.cnn.com/2022/08/12/politics/search-warrant-receipt-trump-fbi-maralago-key-lines/index.html).

Last section entitled "Trump team's response" references GSA.

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[www.gsa.gov/governmentwide-initiatives/emergency-response/covid19-coronavirus](https://www.gsa.gov/governmentwide-initiatives/emergency-response/covid19-coronavirus)



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## Fwd: DOJ Cited Espionage Act in Trump Warrant; FBI Found Secret Files

1 message

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**Gianelle Rivera - S** <gianelle.rivera@gsa.gov>

Fri, Aug 12, 2022 at 6:04 PM

To: Dan Hall - LG <daniel.hall@gsa.gov>, John Peters - LT <john.h.peters@gsa.gov>, Camille Sabbakhan - L <camille.sabbakhan@gsa.gov>, Channing Grate - Z <channing.grate@gsa.gov>, Christina Wilkes - ZMM <christina.wilkes@gsa.gov>, Brett Prather <brett.prather@gsa.gov>, Katy Kale <katy.kale@gsa.gov>

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From: <noreply@bgov.com>

Date: Fri, Aug 12, 2022 at 6:03 PM

Subject: DOJ Cited Espionage Act in Trump Warrant; FBI Found Secret Files

To: <gianelle.rivera@gsa.gov>

This article was sent by: **Gia Rivera**

## DOJ Cited Espionage Act in Trump Warrant; FBI Found Secret Files

By Mario Parker, Mark Niquette and Zoe Tillman | August 12, 2022 4:06PM ET

The FBI seized classified records -- some marked top secret -- from former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home, according to court documents unsealed Friday.

The [list of information](#) seized includes materials labeled with "Various classified/TS/SCI documents," which refers to top-secret and sensitive compartmented information. That's a government label for material gathered through sensitive intelligence sources, methods or analytical processes. The items were taken during the execution of a search warrant signed by a Florida judge.

Prosecutors said they were searching for evidence of violations of three specific federal criminal laws: 18 USC 793, which is part of Espionage Act and makes it a crime to remove or misuse information related to national defense; 18 USC 2071, which makes it a crime to hide, damage, or destroy government records; and 18 USC 1519, which makes it a crime to falsify, destroy, or cover

up records to obstruct or interfere with a federal investigation or “proper administration of any matter” under the jurisdiction of an agency.

The judge authorized agents to gather any documents with classification markings as well as information about how “national defense information or classified material” had been stored and handled. The judge also gave agents leeway to collect any other government records created between the day Trump took office on Jan. 20, 2017 and when he left four years later that might be evidence of violations of the Espionage Act or other document-related crimes under investigation.

Included in the materials removed from Trump’s home Monday were 11 sets of documents labeled classified, confidential, secret and top secret included in about 20 boxes. Other items listed included a handwritten note, the executive clemency grant for Trump confidante Roger Stone, photos, and information about the “President of France.”

An FBI property receipt didn’t elaborate on the nature of the classified files. But taken together, the warrant and the receipt gave a glimpse of the DOJ’s rationale in searching the home of a former president -- a step that provoked outrage from Trump and his allies and alarm among national-security specialists that national secrets had been left at risk of exposure.

In an effort to calm the outcry from Trump allies about the search of the Florida compound, US Attorney General Merrick Garland on Thursday asked a judge to unseal the warrant. Trump said in a posting on social media Thursday night that he [supported the release](#) of the documents. On Friday, he issued a statement saying that the information was declassified.

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“Number one, it was all declassified,” Trump said. “Number two, they didn’t need to ‘seize’ anything. They could have had it anytime they wanted without playing politics and breaking into Mar-a-Lago. It was in secured storage, with an additional lock put on as per their request.”

Some of the former president's supporters have claimed he has the power to declassify documents on his own. While a president can request or initiate a declassification, the original classifying agency "must undergo a process to complete the declassification," according to former federal prosecutor Barbara McQuade.

The search warrant says the FBI sought access to "the 45 Office" -- Trump being the 45th president -- in addition to storage rooms and other areas on the premises used by Trump and his staff in which boxes or documents could be stored. They didn't request access to any private guest rooms of members of the golf club.

"This could be information about intercepted communications," John Bellinger, a partner at Arnold & Porter who was legal adviser to the National Security Council under George W. Bush, said in an interview with David Westin on Bloomberg Radio. "That's very, very tightly controlled. If Trump took some of that off with him to Mar-a-Lago, he could declassify it, but it would certainly look bad if he tried to do it."

Trump spokesman Taylor Budowich said the records were ordinary or declassified. A representative for the Justice Department didn't immediately reply to a message seeking comment.

"The Biden administration is in obvious damage control after their botched raid where they seized the President's picture books, a 'hand written note,' and declassified documents," Budowich said in a statement. "This raid of President Trump's home was not just unprecedented, but unnecessary—and now they are leaking lies and innuendos to try to explain away the weaponization of government against their dominant political opponent."

Ryan Goodman, professor of law at New York University, said that the Espionage Act is the "most serious federal offense anyone can imagine." There are limits to what the president can do unilaterally and this "signals an order of magnitude even above what the president can do alone," said Goodman.

"It raises the stakes enormously in terms of the pending criminal investigation," he said.



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## Fwd: Top-Secret Label in Warrant Hints at Sensitivity of Trump Papers

1 message

Gianelle Rivera - S <gianelle.rivera@gsa.gov>

Fri, Aug 12, 2022 at 6:03 PM

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### Elections, Politics & Probes

**FBI Seized Top-Secret Classified Documents From Trump:** The FBI seized classified records — some marked top secret — from former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home, according to court documents unsealed Friday.

The [list of information](#) seized includes materials labeled with "Various classified/TS/SCI documents," which refers to top-secret and sensitive compartmented information. That's a government label for material gathered through sensitive intelligence sources, methods or analytical processes. The items were taken during the execution of a search warrant signed by a Florida judge.

Prosecutors said they were searching for evidence of violations of three specific federal criminal laws: 18 USC 793, which is part of Espionage Act and makes it a crime to remove or misuse information related to national defense; 18 USC 2071, which makes it a crime to hide, damage, or destroy government records; and 18 USC 1519, which makes it a crime to falsify, destroy, or cover up records to obstruct or interfere with a federal investigation or "proper administration of any matter" under the jurisdiction of an agency. [Mario Parker, Mark Niquette and Zoe Tillman have the latest.](#)

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## Top-Secret Label in Warrant Hints at Sensitivity of Trump Papers

By Jason Leopold and David Voreacos | August 12, 2022 5:26PM ET

Documents seized from former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home bore the US government's highest top-secret rating, underscoring the sensitive nature of the material he took with him after leaving office.

Court documents unsealed Friday showed that FBI agents seized one box -- marked 2A -- containing "Various classified/TS/SCI documents. That's shorthand for "Top Secret/Sensitive Compartmented Information," the sort of information that the government normally requires to be read only in a protected room by people with high-level security clearances.

Other boxes contained "Miscellaneous Secret Documents," "Miscellaneous Top Secret Documents," and "Miscellaneous Confidential Documents," according to an FBI property receipt included in the court documents. Another item was labeled only "info re: President of France."

"Disclosure of it would have a serious adverse impact on the national security," Neil Eggleston, former White House counsel under President [Barack Obama](#), said of the documents. "I can't imagine why Trump would have this material. I just can't imagine."

"It's just hard to know why this whole battle ensued and why President Trump didn't simply return it when he was asked for it," Eggleston said. "Presumably he would've said at the time we took this, we took it inadvertently."

One of the mysteries of the FBI's move so far is that Trump has argued he was cooperating, and that the search was a surprise. Earlier Friday, he issued a statement saying the information had been declassified.

"Number one, it was all declassified," Trump said. "Number two, they didn't need to 'seize' anything. They could have had it anytime they wanted without playing politics and breaking into Mar-a-Lago. It was in secured storage, with an additional lock put on as per their request."

The court documents released on Friday didn't give any detail about the nature of the top-secret information. On Thursday, the Washington Post cited people familiar with the matter as saying some of the seized items were classified documents related to nuclear weapons.

The FBI's search of Mar-a-Lago appeared to be the culmination of an 18-month effort by the National Archives and Records Administration to retrieve presidential records that were taken to the Florida resort.

Staff members at NARA first learned earlier this year that presidential records removed from the White House and stored at the former president's Palm Beach resort contained "classified national security information," according to a February letter from national archivist David Ferriero. He wrote it in response

to questions from US Representative [Carolyn Maloney](#), the Democrat who chairs the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.

NARA “had ongoing communications” with Trump’s representatives “throughout 2021, which resulted in the transfer of 15 boxes to NARA in January 2022.”

It was only after archivists began indexing those recovered records that they discovered the boxes contained “classified national security information,” Ferriero wrote in his Feb. 18th [letter](#) to Maloney, which prompted NARA staff to contact the Justice Department and resulted in the investigation that led to the FBI’s search on Monday.

Ferriero was referring to presidential [Executive Order 13526](#), which sets out the systems for safeguarding national security information. The order, signed by Obama in 2009 and left unchanged by Trump, says classified information “may not be removed from official premises without proper authorization.”

In some cases, Trump may have had the authority to declassify the documents. But even a US president doesn’t have the authority to declassify some information, such as those marked “restricted data” under the Atomic Energy Act. There was no indication any of the documents seized from Mar-a-Lago bore that classification.

“This could be information about intercepted communications,” John Bellinger, a partner at Arnold & Porter who was legal adviser to the National Security Council under President George W. Bush, said in an interview with David Westin on Bloomberg Radio. “That’s very, very tightly controlled. If Trump took some of that off with him to Mar-a-Lago, he could declassify it, but it would certainly look bad if he tried to do it.”





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### **[Administrator: Feds take ownership of Tacoma's Union Station for \\$1 \(king5\) FULL TEXT](#)**

TACOMA, Wash. — [Tacoma Union Station](#) is now officially a federal building.

Officials from the City of Tacoma and Washington, D.C. held a ceremony to celebrate the transfer of ownership on Wednesday.

Speakers took a moment to highlight the history that Union Station has seen since opening in 1911, and the new purpose the building has found once it was turned into a U.S. Courthouse in 1990.

"President Harding was here in 1923, FDR was here in 1937, Babe Ruth, Ella Fitzgerald, you name it, they walked through these halls," said Robin Carnahan of the General Services Administration.

In the time since the General Services Administration entered into its lease agreement with the City of Tacoma, Union Station has housed 10 courtrooms for judges of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington.

"This building today is a beacon for justice in our community at a time when it's desperately needed," said former Washington Congressman Norm Dicks.

At the end of the lease, the GSA exercised an option to purchase the property from the City of Tacoma for \$1, but will continue overseeing the building, which Deputy Mayor Catherine Ushka said will allow the Union Station to continue serving Tacoma.

“When the community wants to come together because they’re worried about justice, where you’ll find them in Tacoma is right outside those doors, so this is an important part of Tacoma placemaking,” Ushka said. “It’s not about making money, it never was. It’s about making sure that all that hard work and grit that I talked about that makes Tacoma the City of Destiny continues for generations forward and this allows that to happen.”

Ushka went on to say there are plans in the works to restore and preserve other historic buildings like Gault Middle School. She said although the work is expensive and difficult, it’s also necessary.

### **Acquisition: GSA Unveils Upcoming Changes to Entity Validation Process in Federal Procurement Database (GovConWire)**

The General Services Administration has listed several upcoming [improvements to the entity validation process](#) at SAM.gov.

### **Personnel: Cori Zarek to Join USDS as Deputy Administrator (MeriTalk)**

Cori Zarek will join the United States Digital Service (USDS) as deputy administrator later this month, she announced in a [blog post](#) today.

Zarek is currently the executive director at the Beeck Center for Social Impact & Innovation at Georgetown University. Prior to joining the university, she served as the deputy chief technology officer of the United States. In this role, she helped to stand up the USDS, and the General Services Administration’s 18F and Presidential Innovation Fellows organizations.

### **Policy: Trump says his attorneys weren’t allowed ‘anywhere near’ FBI raid (The New York Post)**

The material had been packed up by the General Services Administration and shipped to Mar-a-Lago when Trump left office in January 2020, a legal source told The Post.

### **Real Estate: This Week's Philadelphia Deal Sheet (BisNow)**

On the second floor, the U.S. General Services Administration has signed a new 31K SF lease, while Ace American Insurance Co. renewed its lease of over 140K SF. The GSA's lease is a relocation, though it was not disclosed what office the federal government's property management agency would depart. The GSA leases more than 100K SF just a few blocks away at [100 South Independence Mall West](#), also owned by Keystone, for its regional headquarters.

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Hi Kathy,

I saw this in the clips today...

**Policy: Trump says his attorneys weren't allowed 'anywhere near' FBI raid (The New York Post)**

The material had been packed up by the General Services Administration and shipped to Mar-a-Lago when Trump left office in January 2020, a legal source told The Post.

Knowing what I know about Transitions in general I can't imagine that GSA had that role - but I want to be sure. Do you know who I can ask?

Thanks!

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Katy --- I don't believe GSA would be involved since this is a private site. I've asked my POC in Region 4 for her USSS POC in case you want to reach out to them. They are located (b) (7)(A).

I'll let you know when I hear back.

Thank you, Kathy

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No - I don't need that information.

Thanks.

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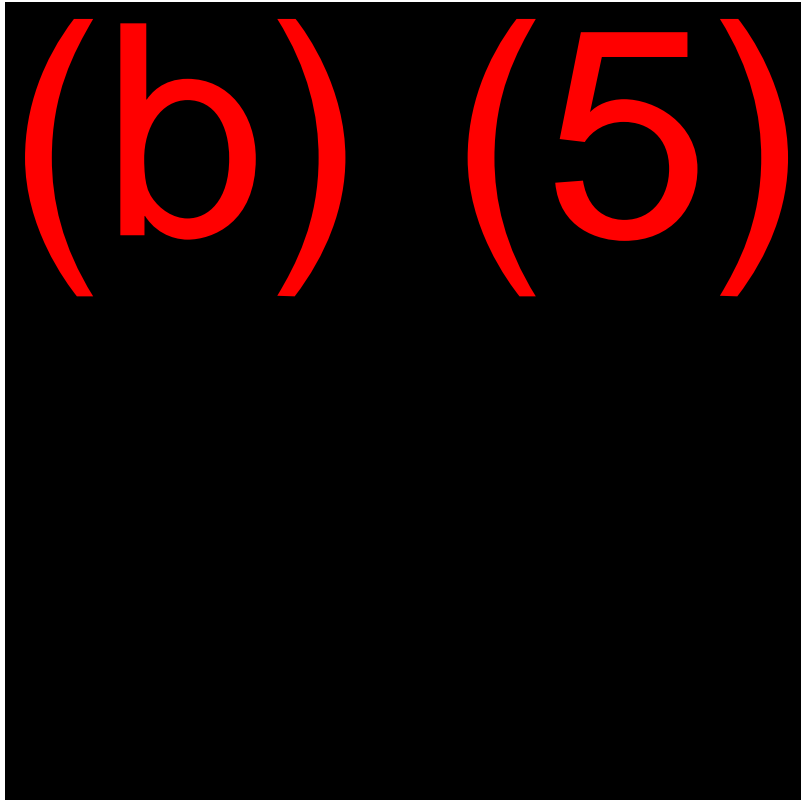
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This is probably one for your shop--maybe Seth?

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Do you guys have any input that could be used to answer this question about info provided to outgoing Presidents on the "transition process" and more specifically sensitive documents? Is there a program person running transition stuff still?

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**Seth Greenfeld - LG** <seth.greenfeld@gsa.gov>  
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It seems the question is not really about Outgoing Transition in general, but specifically related to records. That is an issue for NARA, not GSA. GSA provides office space and some administrative services, but records are addressed by NARA directly.

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I should clarify, I assume this is about records. I am not exactly sure what is meant by "class 5 materials" but it seems this is about records given the recent news. GSA certainly is not moving hazardous materials as part of outgoing transition.

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Tim forwarded this to me. Let me know if you have any more details or a deadline. Reading between the lines, it seems like the question relates to the recent FBI raid on Maralago but the it also asks for "transition memos." For outgoing Presidents, GSA handles space needs and provides some administrative services, but issues like records retention are handled by NARA.

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I agree we handle the space and services for the Outgoing Transition but we do not handle records retention.

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We provided an outgoing transition guide to the outgoing presidential transition team. However, nothing in that document mentions class 5 materials. I have a draft of it but Kathy Geisler should have the final version that was provided to the outgoing transition team. There's also an MOU with the outgoing transition team. I also didn't see anything in that document about class 5 materials. Both docs are attached.

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Christina -- Are you tracking the Fox News inquiry relating to the records? Channing, Brett, etc are putting together a tailored response to that. May be worth checking in with them.

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Never mind. You all are all over it. Thanks.

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No worries! Thanks for double checking!



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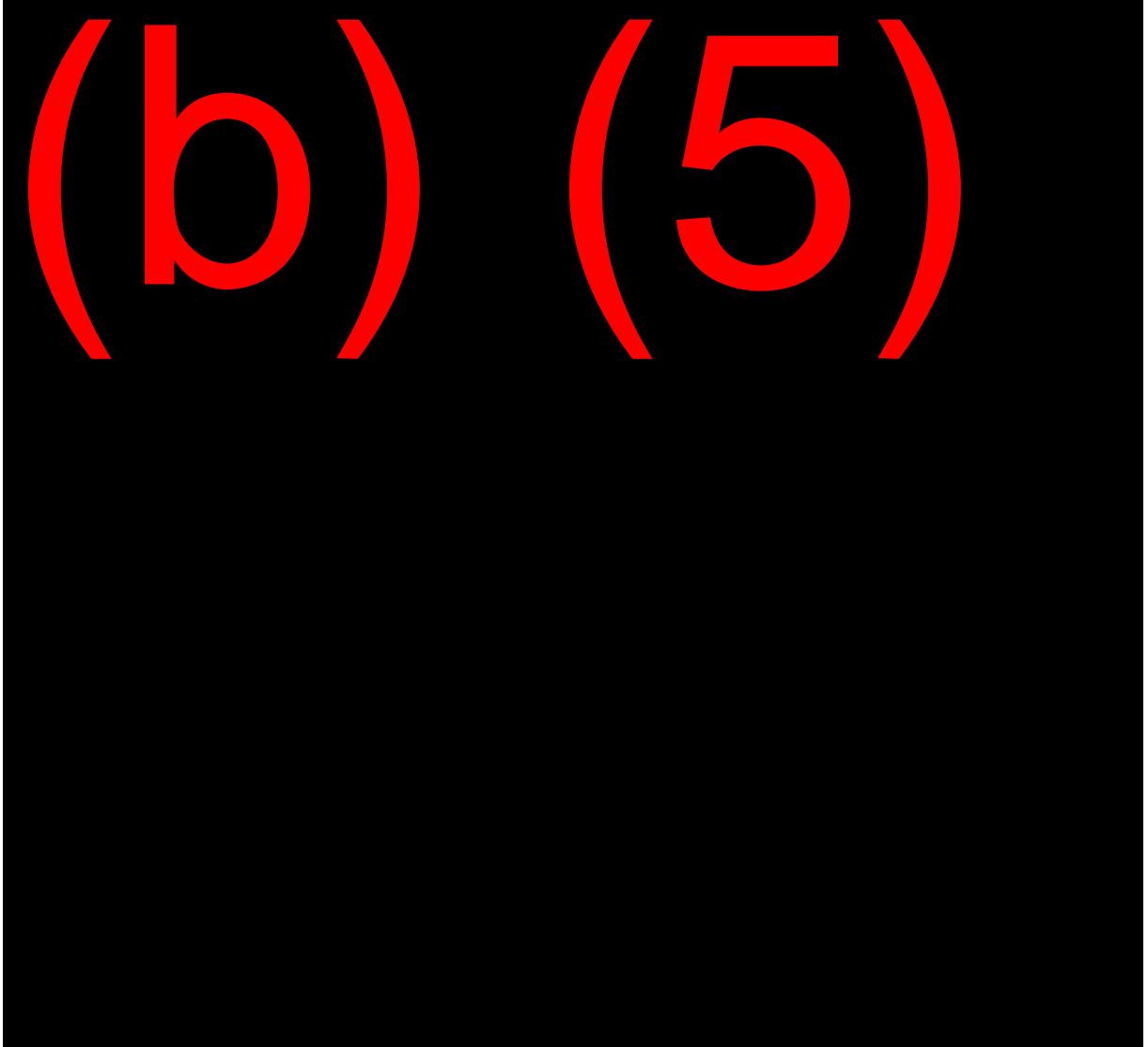
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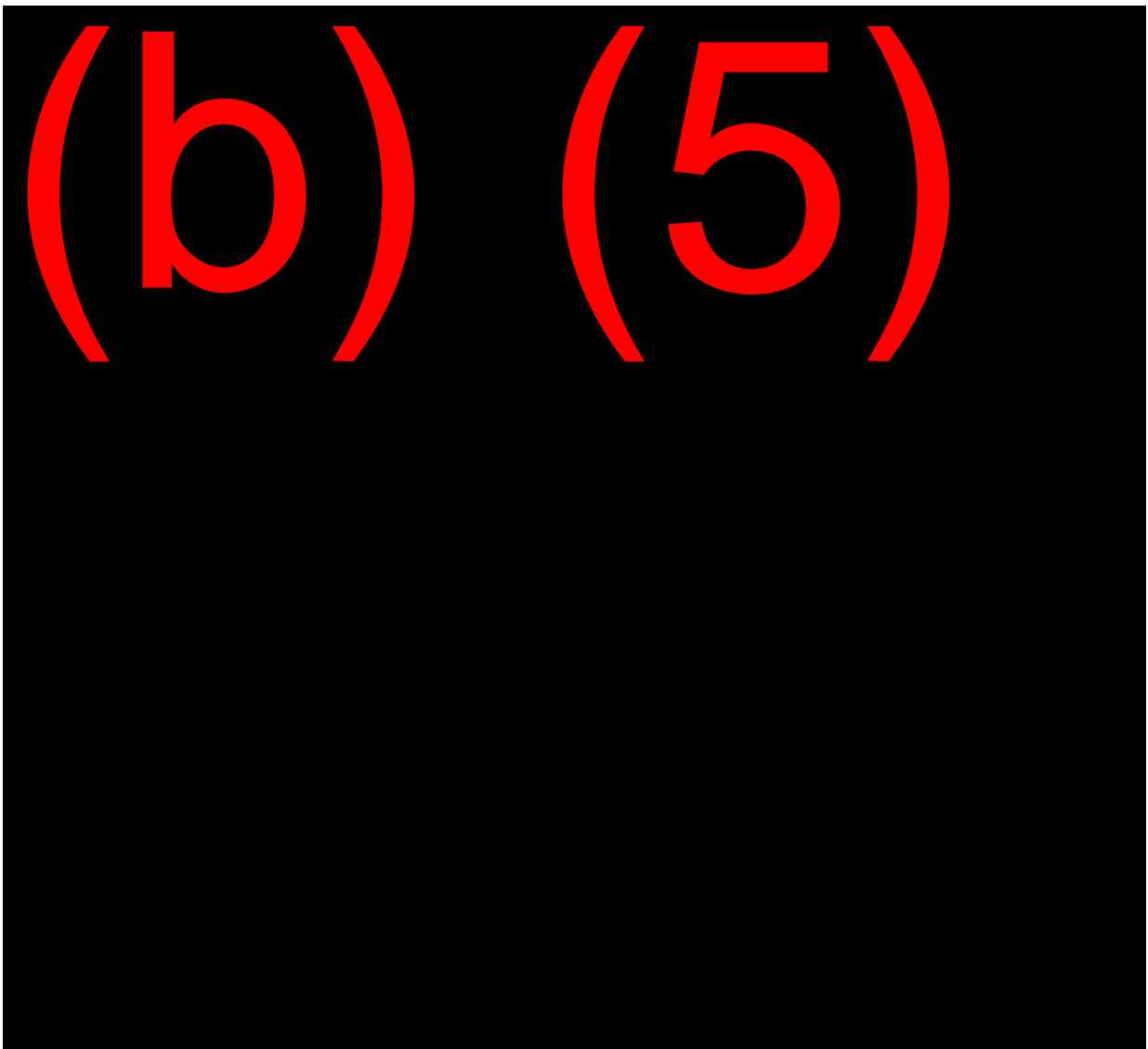
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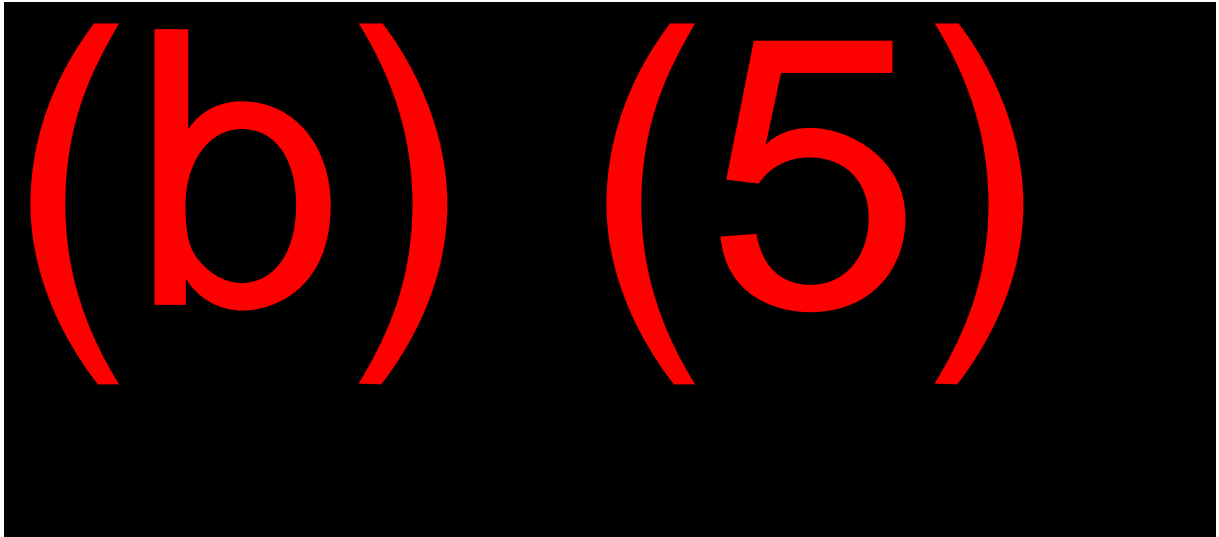
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Tue, Aug 16, 2022 at 11:08 AM

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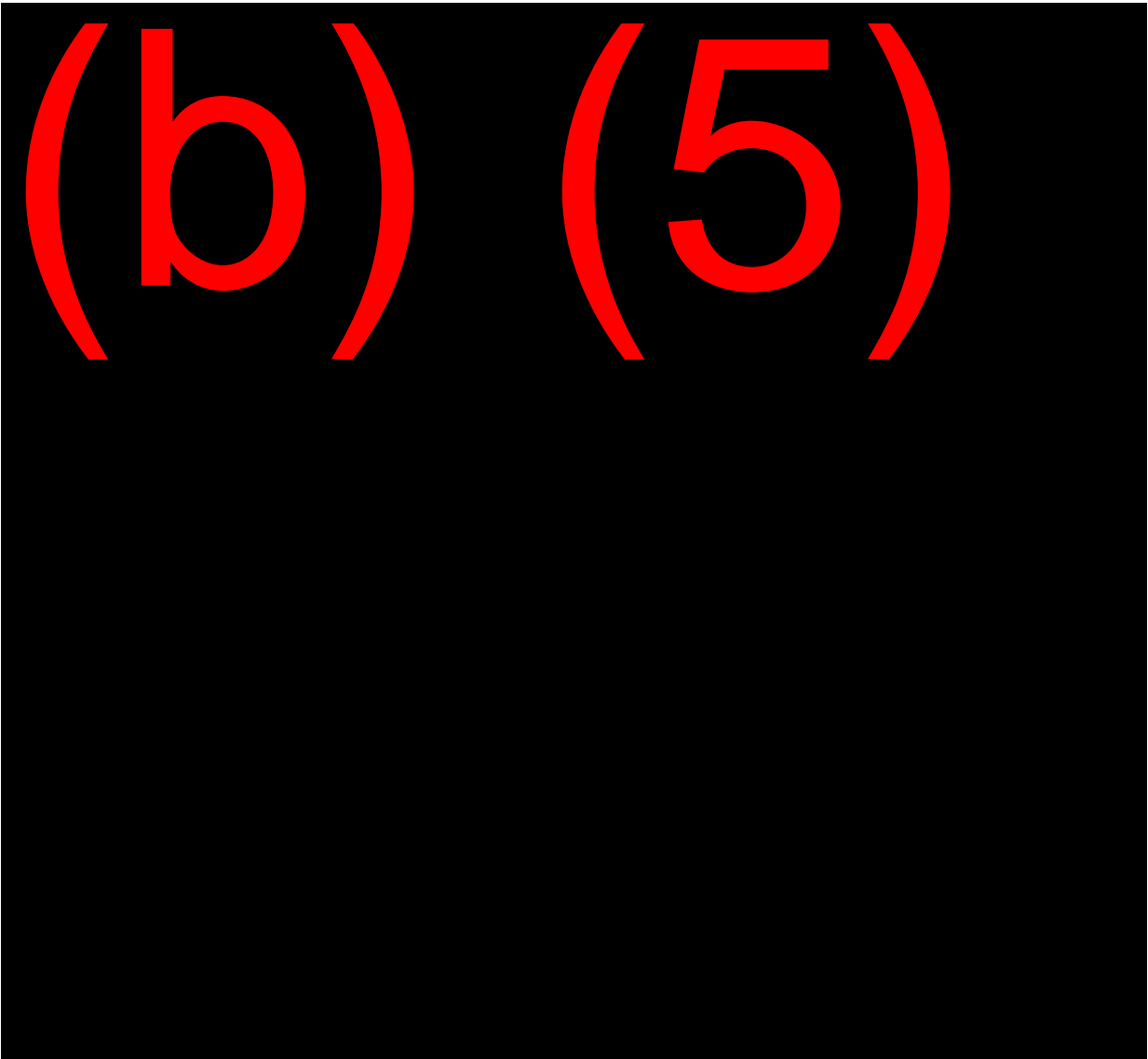
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**Media Inquiry - GSA Statement - FOX News**

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**Background/Summary:**

Questions about GSA moving documents to Mar-A-Lago.

**Name and contact information for the journalist:**

Mark Meredith, Fox News Correspondent, (b) (6)

**Journalist deadline:**

TBD

**Questions:**

GSA statement regarding claims that GSA moved documents down to Mar-A-Lago.

**Draft Responses:**

As part of the services and support GSA provides to all outgoing presidents, GSA typically contracts for the transportation of items identified by the outgoing President as necessary to wind down the affairs of their office. The responsibility for making decisions about what materials are moved rests entirely with the outgoing president and their supporting staff. Any questions about the contents of any items that were delivered, e.g. documents, are the responsibility of the former President and his supporting staff and should be directed to their office.

**NOTES:**

**Background Materials:**

CRS Report on Presidential Records: <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/R/R40238/15>

CRS Report on Presidential Transition: <https://sgp.fas.org/crs/misc/RS22979.pdf>

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**Full Inquiry from the reporter:**

Good Afternoon,

Its Mark Meredith from FOX News.

Today there have been a few folks, in the Trump circle, pointing fingers at GSA – claiming it was GSA which moved the documents down to Mar-A-Lago

Kash Patel, who was acting Chief of Staff at DOD, who served in the Trump admin – is claiming GSA was the one who moved them down?

Is there anything GSA can add here or clarify on this process?

Thanks in advance,

Mark

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**Media Inquiry - GSA & White House Departures- Wall Street Journal**

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**Background/Summary:**

Information on what GSA provides to outgoing White Houses upon departure.

**Name and contact information for the journalist:**

Andrew Restuccia, Wall Street Journal, White House Reporter

**Journalist deadline:**

TBD

**Questions:**

Does the GSA provide any memos about the transition process or how class 5 materials should be handled?

**Draft Responses:**

For outgoing Presidents, GSA handles space needs and provides some administrative services, but issues like records retention are handled by NARA.

**NOTES:**

**Full Inquiry from the reporter:**

Good morning.

We're hoping to get some information about what information the GSA provides to outgoing White Houses as they depart. Does the GSA provide any memos about the transition process or how class 5 materials should be handled?

Thanks!

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Andrew Restuccia

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**Background/Summary:**

Asking for information re: the movement of classified material -- specifically TS/SCI documents -- from one facility to another.

**Name and contact information for the journalist:**

Sarah Kolinovsky

ABC News

Pennsylvania Avenue Producer/Reporter

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**Journalist deadline:**

TBD

**Questions:**

I'm a reporter with ABC News and I'm trying to figure out what procedure, if any, exists to govern the movement of classified material -- specifically TS/SCI documents -- from one facility to another.

Is there any circumstance in which GSA would pack boxes with TS/SCI material for transport? Would this be done at the direction of the president, or are there additional layers of approval that must be obtained for such a movement?

In the case of classified material that is provided to a former president's library, for example, is there any official procedure that is followed? Or is this handled more on a case by case basis?

**Draft response:*****On background:***

Questions about the procedures governing the appropriate movement of Presidential records and classified materials would likely be better directed to NARA.

***On the record:***

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**NOTES:****Full Inquiry from the reporter:**

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In the case of classified material that is provided to a former president's library, for example, is there any official procedure that is followed? Or is this handled more on a case by case basis?

If it's easier to discuss by phone, please feel free to call at any time. Thank you!

**Sarah Kolinovsky**

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